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CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION OF INDIAN DANCES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any schemes to promote Indian classical dances of numerous patterns like Bharatanatyam, Kathakali, Kuchipudi, Manipuri, Odissi etc;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to increase financial assistance to dances of numerous patterns; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) to (d) : Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Culture administers several schemes to promote Indian Classical Dances such as award of scholarships/fellowships, financial assistance to Professional Groups and Individuals for specified Performing Art Projects; building grant to cultural organisations for constructing auditorium and a scheme for providing pension to aged artistes.

Besides these, the Centre for Cultural Resources and Training, an autonomous organisation of the Ministry, administers a scheme of scholarship in Indian Classical Dances to young children in the age group of 10-14 years. Sangeet Natak Akademi has also been set up by the Govt. for the furtherance of the Performing Arts in India.

While there is no immediate proposal to increase financial assistance to dance, the relevant schemes are periodically reviewed so as to ensure that they provide financially adequate support.